



*“I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.”  
(Genesis 17:7)*

September 29, 2024, 9:30am

## **Welcome!**

Thank you for joining us for worship in the FPC Sanctuary and welcome to those of you worshiping with us online.

Please visit the church’s website to learn about activities and ministry opportunities.

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S A N D I E G O

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## The Lord's Supper Instructions

We observe the Lord's Supper every week in worship. This communion meal is meant to unite us to Jesus Christ as well as each other. In it, we reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God and neighbor. We prepare to celebrate the Lord's Supper by putting our trust in Christ, confessing our sin, and seeking reconciliation with God and one another.

*While we are being served communion at the table, the pastor will bring both bread and cup to all who are seated and cannot come to the table.*

*If you would like to pray with someone, our elders are available during communion to pray with you. Please come to the front of the sanctuary where they are waiting for you.*

*At the end of all being served, a deacon will come to the table and take from the table some bread and cups and exit up the aisle.*

*Later that day and during the week the deacons will take these to our members who could not attend worship, thus extending the communion to all our members.*

If you are not a Christian, please consider using this communion time to pray with one of the following printed prayers:

### Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### Prayer of Belief

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.*

# First Presbyterian Church of San Diego

## Worships God

by

Gathering around the Word

Hearing the Word

Responding to the Word

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### Gathering Around the Word

#### Preparing for Worship with Prelude and Prayer

*As we assemble in Jesus' name, begin with a private prayer of preparation:*

Bless us, O God,  
with a reverent sense of your presence,  
that we may be at peace  
and may worship you with all our mind and spirit;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prelude**

*How Great Thou Art*

*Hymn #467*

#### Being Called to Worship

Clap your hands, all you nations;  
shout to God with cries of joy.

**For the LORD Most High is awesome,  
the great King over all the earth.**

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,  
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

**For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing to him a psalm of praise.**

*(Psalm 47:1-2, 5-7)*

**Singing Our Praise**

*Everlasting God*

**Singing Our Praise**

*Firm Foundation (He Won't)*

## **Announcing the Gospel**

Jesus said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

*(Luke 5:31-32)*

Trusting in Jesus, who has saved his people from sin, let us confess our sin together.

## **Confessing our Sin**

**Eternal God,**

**in whom we live and move and have our being,**

**and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:**

**We humbly repent of our offenses against you,**

**our proud thoughts above neighbor,**

**our selfish desires over your righteousness.**

**Give us the humility and gratitude that befits your servants**

**as we confess to you.**

*(silence for further confession of sin)*

**Gracious Father,**

**May your Spirit teach us to draw near to you,**

**to confide in your grace,**

**and to find in you our refuge and strength,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

## **Declaring God's Pardon**

The word of the LORD through Jeremiah: "I will bring my people back and make them dwell in safety. They shall be my people and I will be their God. I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children. I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul."

*(Jeremiah 32:37-39, 41)*

Brothers and Sisters:

In Christ, your sins are forgiven. Know this and be at peace.

## **Offering Our Lives in Gratitude**

How shall we show our gratitude for such a salvation?

**Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father, is this:**

**to care for orphans and widows in their distress,**

**and to keep oneself unstained by the world.**

*(James 1:27)*

## **Passing the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

*(Children may come forward to the front pew for Telling the Story)*

## **Hearing the Word**

### **Offering Our Prayers**

### **Telling the Story and Praying the Lord's Prayer**

We Tell Others About Jesus

*Romans 10*

*(After this, children may leave for Kidz Worship)*

**Singing Our Praise**    *It Is Well With My Soul, arr. Mary McDonald*

### **Praying for Illumination**

**Reading the Word:**                      Genesis 16:1-16

**Declaring the Word**                      The God Who Hears and Sees

## **Responding to the Word**

### **Presenting God's Tithes and Our Offerings**

**Offering Our Music:**    *Jesus, Lover of My Soul, arr. Mark Hayes*

### **Affirming the Faith of the Church**

*Christian, what do you believe about the authority of Scripture?*

**We believe and confess the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testaments to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men. For God himself spoke to the fathers, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.**

**And in this Holy Scripture, the universal Church of Christ has the most complete exposition of all that pertains to a saving faith, and also to the framing of a life acceptable to God; and in this respect it is expressly commanded by God that nothing be either added to or taken from the same.**

*(from The Second Helvetic Confession)*

## Sharing the Lord's Supper

*During Communion: Prayer Partners are stationed in front of the stage by the side aisles for Prayer. As you pass by you are invited to share your prayer needs and receive prayer and ministry. If you have asked to follow Jesus today, you are encouraged to pray with a Partner. If the Partners are busy, sit in a front pew and approach after another person has received prayer.*

## Singing Our Praise

*How Firm a Foundation*

## Receiving the Blessing and Being Sent

## Postlude

*Flint Hill Special*

## Servant Schedule

Liturgist: Riley McRae

Preaching: Jeff Myers

Offering our Prayers: Peter Tucker

Offering our Music:

Westminster Choir Director: Rodney Girvin

Worship Leaders: Adam Michel, Elizabeth Rico

Piano: Pam Monroe

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today! - Bluegrass Sunday & Courtyard Fellowship!** The fifth Sunday in September is Bluegrass Sunday! In addition to the service, the Bluegrass band will be at our Courtyard Fellowship. Join us downstairs in the Courtyard after the service for fellowship, bluegrass music and snacks.

*~There are no Sunday School classes today due to our Courtyard Fellowship.~*

**Moved recently or have a new email address? New to us?** Please complete a Connect Card located in a pew pocket near you. Your current contact information is appreciated. Bring it to the Connect Center outside the sanctuary or to the Welcome Center through the breezeway. We have a small gift for you!

**Prayer:** If you want us to pray for you or someone you know, please fill out the Prayer Request on our Connect Card. Drop it in the offering plate or at the Welcome Center when completed. We have a team of dedicated prayer warriors who would be honored to pray with you. If you would be interested in joining our Prayer Team by receiving our weekly Prayer List, please contact: [office@fpcsd.org](mailto:office@fpcsd.org).

## Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

A Cry Room/Nursing Room is available with Livestream of our service in our Prayer Room. You may exit out of the door to the right of the pulpit and continue straight into the room.

*Infants and Preschoolers*

- "The Nest" (0-4 yrs old) opens at 9:15am and continues through the 11:00a-12:00pm education hour.
- Follow signs from the back of the Sanctuary to The Nest

## *Elementary Students*

### 9:30am

- Children attend worship with their parents in the Sanctuary
- During "Passing the Peace" they move to the front pew for the Children's Story
- After the Children's Story, students attend "Kidz Worship"- a Bible time for K-5th graders.
- They are returned to their parents in the Sanctuary before Communion

### 11:00am-Noon

- "The Flock" (K-5th grade) meets in the Geneva Room in the Christian Education Building
- Children study the Bible, memorize scripture, play games and visit the Memory Store
- Follow signs to The Flock

**CASKET Empty - Survey of the Old Testament** - Starting Sunday, Oct 6th, Jeff will take his class through the entire Old Testament in 10 sessions, focusing on the major plot points of the narrative of our redemption in Jesus. The Acronym "CASKET" is a helpful tool to remember the periods of God's work in the Old Testament: Creation; Abraham; Sinai; Kings; Exile; Temple. This class plans to meet in the West Room at 11:00am up until Christmas.

**Marriage Class: Vertical Marriage.** A small-group study, this class of five sessions by Dave and Ann Wilson is called Vertical Marriage. Meeting Sundays in the Scout Room after the service starting October 6<sup>th</sup>. Led by Dan and Suzy Walls

**Staying in the Sermon - Sundays in October in the West Tower at 11:00am.** Join us for a continuing conversation about the sermon in the West Tower after service at 11:00am. Resuming on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.

After thirteen years of worship in the chapel, **Jazz Vespers will have its last service on October 13th, 2024.** First Presbyterian Church is thankful for the fruitful work of the Holy Spirit in the singing of jazz, blues, and gospel, praying together, the preaching of God's word, and sharing in the Lord's Supper. Archie, Jason, Danny, and many others have been exceptional musicians, leaders, and friends. **Mark Your Calendar! October 13th, the final Jazz Vespers, will be a special celebration and thanksgiving to God for the years together.** "Big Jer" will be there, too!  
Archie and the Archtones will be playing during our service at **9:30am on October 20th.** Also be on the "look-out" for jazz concerts and events throughout the year with many of the artists you first met at Jazz Vespers!

**Sunday, October 20, 2024, at 3pm in the Sanctuary. *Jupiter and Beyond* - Westminster Orchestra.** Timeless Melodies in concert hosted by the Westminster Orchestra, Choir and Soloists under the baton of Judith Thomas. Delight in a smorgasbord of glorious works from legendary composers: Beethoven, Puccini, Mozart, Holst, Dvorak, and more. Please join us for this free event. Reception will follow in the West Room.

**Men's Retreat October 25-27, 2024.** The Men's Retreat will be at the **Palomar Christian Conference Center, Palomar Mountain, CA.** We are excited to have Jim Moon Jr. lead our conversation centered around discipleship. Join us again at the Palomar Christian Conference Center for growth, fun and fellowship. Contact Dan Walls for information at [walls.dan@gmail.com](mailto:walls.dan@gmail.com). Registration is open: [www.fpcsd.org/events](http://www.fpcsd.org/events).

**Young Adults Retreat November 8-11.** We are doing our first Young Adults Fall Retreat! Come with us to Coachella, CA for a fun and relaxing weekend. We will be studying through the book of Joshua, enjoying time in community, and getting away from the stress of adulting. The house has a big

backyard with a pool, BBQ grill, and fire pits - and we will be doing games and theme nights. Come and join the fun! Contact Elizabeth Rico ([elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org](mailto:elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org)) for more information. Register at: [www.fpcsd.org/events](http://www.fpcsd.org/events).

### **WEEKLY Meetings & Classes**

**Joy of Living Women's Bible Study:** We are studying the first 26 chapters of Genesis followed by the book of Job. We meet every Tuesday 9:30-11:30am for prayer, fellowship and in-depth Bible study, with breaks for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. We conclude our study in mid-May 2025. We meet in-person weekly and will continue to have a Zoom option for those who cannot join us in-person for our study and discussion. Please register online at: [www.fpcsd.org/events](http://www.fpcsd.org/events). Contact [pegbaker@pacbell.net](mailto:pegbaker@pacbell.net)

**Downtown Playdate.** Meets every Tuesday from 10am-Noon in the Scout Room. Connect with other parents and caregivers of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Contact [peggy.gross@fpcsd.org](mailto:peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) for more information.

**Parenting and Pizza Church.** Meets weekly in the West Room, the Scout Room and Courtyard. 6pm-7:30pm Contact [peggy.gross@fpcsd.org](mailto:peggy.gross@fpcsd.org) for more information.

**Women's Weekly Bible Studies: Fridays at 8:30am in the West Room and Mondays at 3:15pm in the Goodwin Annex.** *Ephesians – A Study of Faith and Practice*. Led by Suzy Walls. Please contact her for information: [walls.suzy@gmail.com](mailto:walls.suzy@gmail.com)

**Men's Lunch Break Bible Study.** Meeting Thursdays 11:30am-12:45pm via Zoom. To join, register at [www.fpcsd.org/events](http://www.fpcsd.org/events).

### **Youth/Young Adults:**

**Youth group** is a special place for students 6th-12<sup>th</sup> grade to come together, have fun, and learn about God! We meet in room 307 on Sunday mornings after service, and Thursday nights 6-7:30pm during Parenting Class.

Our **Young Adults** community is a vibrant group of individuals aged 18-30ish. We meet every Sunday after service for small group in Elizabeth's office (room 106) and have fun hangouts! For more information on either of these groups, contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org](mailto:elizabeth.rico@fpcsd.org)

### **Prayer**

Join us Wednesdays in person in the Prayer Room 12-12:30pm. We pray for the world, our nation, city, and church family. Contact [jeff.myers@fpcsd.org](mailto:jeff.myers@fpcsd.org) for more information.

### **Giving**

	<u>WEEKLY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Offerings Needed	\$20,833	\$749,999
Offerings 9/27/2024	\$13,815	\$695,597

### **We are Hiring!**

**Assistant Director of Ladle Fellowship** The Assistant Director of Ladle Fellowship aids the excellence of the Ladle Ministry of First Presbyterian Church (FPC), which provides food, clothing, medical services, mentoring, social service guidance, and spiritual guidance to the homeless and poor in downtown San Diego. The Assistant Director works in cooperation with the Director of Ladle, other FPC staff members, and members of the Ladle Advisory Team. Please contact Pascal Dickinson if you are interested in the position at [pascal.dickinson@fpcsd.org](mailto:pascal.dickinson@fpcsd.org)



## FPC Vision

As the body of Christ, we exist to foster a community of belonging in an environment of deep spiritual growth, walking together in word and deed.

## FPC MINISTRIES



Our **FPC Mission Partners** share the good news of God's love with people around the world. Please pray for them throughout the year as they come alongside people in the difficult places where God has called them, in San Diego and beyond. Pray that we will all learn more about what it means to make mission our life's purpose and the purpose of the church. Read about our mission partners and see how you can pray, give, and go where God calls. For more info contact us at [www.fpcsd.org/missions](http://www.fpcsd.org/missions)



**City Tree Christian School**, an outreach ministry of First Presbyterian Church of San Diego, is dedicated to academic excellence integrated with the teachings of Jesus Christ found in the Bible. Children will excel academically, be good citizens, and know God when provided educational experiences, needed care and protection in a loving Christian environment. Founded in 1976, City Tree began as a preschool and has grown to now serve infants through 8th grade. [www.citytree.org](http://www.citytree.org)



**Ladle Fellowship**, a ministry of FPC since 1983, lovingly addresses the needs of the poor and those experiencing homelessness. We serve meals and provide clothing for those in need on Sundays at 2:00pm. Our San Diego Street Choir rehearses each week and our medical ministry, Street Corner Care, provides medical care for the poor and individuals suffering on the streets.

[www.ladlefellowship.org](http://www.ladlefellowship.org)